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In re Application of:

Schaller, et al.

Serial No.: 10/672,009

Filing Date: September 26, 2003

Title: SURGICAL CONNECTION
APPARATUS AND METHODS

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 3738

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 18, 2003 in the above-identified application from February 18, 2004 to March 18, 2004.

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

| | | | <u>Large Entity</u> | | <u>Small Entity</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three months | [] | \$ 950 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$475 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months | [] | \$1,480 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$740 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months | [] | \$2,010 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$1,005 |

Applicant is a small entity.

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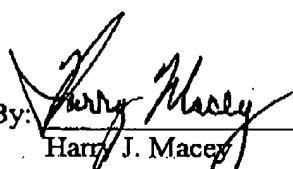
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- [] The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to Deposit Account No. *.
- [X] Authorization to charge the \$55 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 is provided on the Fcc Transmittal. A duplicate copy of that document is attached for that purpose.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2027.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that other relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2027. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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